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TOPIC	64th Technical Emergency Battalion in Strasice		
EVALUATION	[REDACTED] 25X1X	PLACE OBTAINED	[REDACTED] 25X1A
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REMARKS	[REDACTED]		

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1. [REDACTED] source was inducted and assigned to the 64th Technical Emergency Bn (PTP) stationed in Hvezdov near Mimon (O 51/F 95). The 51st Technical Emergency Bn, which consisted mainly of junior priests, was also stationed there at that time. Source and 225 recruits, who included young men and numerous men averaging 40 to 45 years, were assigned to the battalion. Hvezdov was vacated by the civil population. Members of the 51st PTP said that paratroopers were trained at the airfield near Hvezdov. Source frequently saw individual parachutists, who wore green uniforms with a white parachute emblem on a blue background on their left upper sleeves.
2. In about May or June 1952, the 64th PTP Bn was moved to a cantonment, about 1,000 meters south of Strasice (N 50/L 35). The first and the second company both numbered 200 unarmed men and were located in this camp. Prior to June 1952, the fourth company which numbered about 100 men as it moved to Pardubice (O 51/X 79), was also located there. Another company of the battalion was stationed at Plzen (N 50/L 04). On 1 June 1952, a PTP company subordinate to the 64th PTP Bn, was activated of newly inducted recruits in Warnsdorf (O 51/F 87).¹
3. A tank unit and a heavy artillery unit were located in a barracks installation on the southeastern perimeter of Strasice. The tank unit occupied the northeastern section of the installation, which was partitioned from the southwestern section by a wire fence. The soldiers of the tank unit wore black epaulets with small tank insignia. Source observed up to 12 tanks, which presumably were T-34 tanks and usually traveled on a newly constructed road toward the woods south of Strasice. The artillery unit occupied the southwestern section of the barracks installation. When the unit left the installation source usually saw about 10 guns, towed by half-track vehicles and occupied by 10 to 15 men. The guns had four solid-tire wheels and no muzzle brakes and were about 150 mm.²
4. An ammunition depot, said to be an underground installation, was in a woods, about 800 meters east of the billets of the 64th PTP Bn and 100 meters north of the road to Sv. Dobrotiva (N 50/L 34).
5. [REDACTED] (O 51/L 87) that an artillery unit had moved to this place in the spring of 1952. The men said that the unit was an AAA battery, whose EM bivouacked in tents and that concrete bunkers, arranged in a sort of U-shape with one AA gun allegedly emplaced in each, were constructed on both sides of the road from Modrany to Libus (O 51/L 87).³

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25X1X [REDACTED] 6. Source knew that members of TP units carried light weapons, had to serve for a normal 2-year period of active duty and had better chances of reassignment to normal military units. PTP members, however, were considered definitely unreliable, received no training with weapons, were not promoted and served for an undetermined period of active duty.⁴

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. The 51st PTP Bn stationed at Hvezdov was previously reported. The 64th PTP Bn, which is identified for the first time, was reported stationed without numerical designation at Strasice in July 1952. See [REDACTED]

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25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. The 13th Hv Tank SP Arty Regt at Strasice and the still unidentified artillery unit were previously reported. [REDACTED]

25X1A 3. [REDACTED] Comment. The AAA unit is believed to belong to the national air defense forces.

25X1A 4. [REDACTED] Comment. PTP stands for Pracovni technicky prapor or technical labor battalion. TP stands for technicky prapor which is technical battalion. The present report substantiates a previous report by another deserter. See [REDACTED].

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